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SUBJECT: JAPAN GIVES RESERVED REPLY TO AFRICAN AID APPEAL

1. SUMMARY: JAPANESE GOVERNMENT IN MID-JUNE GAVE CAGEY GENERALIZED RESPONSE, WITH MENTION OF A SINGLE SPECIFIC COMMITMENT, TO FORMAL FEBRUARY 1978 REQUEST FROM OAU EMBASSIES IN TOKYO THAT JAPAN INCREASE ITS AID TO AFRICAN NATIONS. END SUMMARY.

2. ON FEBRUARY 9, 1978, A GROUP OF SEVEN AFRICAN AMBASSADORS (OF ALGERIA, GUINEA, SENEGAL, MADAGASCAR, SUDAN, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NIGERIA, AND TUNISIA RESPECTIVELY), REPRESENTING TOKYO MISSIONS OF ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY, MET FOREIGN MINISTER SONODA TO PRESENT A FORMAL WRITTEN REQUEST TO THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT FOR INCREASED GOJ ECONOMIC COOPERATION WITH AFRICA. TEXT OF REQUEST NOTES STEADY YEAR-OVER-YEAR INCREASE IN JAPAN'S EXPORTS TO AFRICA, FLUCTUATION BOTH IN AFRICAN EXPORTS TO JAPAN AND IN JAPAN'S TRADITIONALLY MODEST AID TO AFRICAN COUNTRIES, AND JAPAN'S STATED INTENTION OF PLAYING MORE ACTIVE ROLE IN LDC DEVELOPMENT.

3. TEXT CONTINUE WITH SEVEN PROPOSALS FOR APPLYING TO AFRICA THIS NEW MORE ACTIVE JAPANESE APPROACH: GIVE AFRICA MORE-AND A BIGGER SHARE OF-BILATERAL AID FROM JAPAN; SET UP SPECIAL JAPANESE FUND FOR AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT; GIVE AFRICA MORE MULTILATERAL AID, ESPECIALLY VIA AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK; IMPROVE AID TERMS AND CONDITIONS, INCLUDING UNTYING; INCREASE AFRICA'S EXPORT CAPACITY THROUGH INVESTMENT; INCREASE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE (I.E., TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER) TO AFRICA; AND IMPROVE TERMS OF TRADE FOR AFRICAN COUNTRIES INDIVIDUALLY AND COLLECTIVELY.

4. ON JUNE 15 AMBASSADORS RECEIVED FROM MOFA MIDDLE EAST AND AFRICA BUREAU DIRECTOR-GENERAL CHIBA AIDE MEMOIRE ADDRESSING EACH OF SEVEN POINTS MENTIONED ABOVE. ONLY QUANTITATIVE COMMITMENT FROM JAPANESE WAS IN RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR INCREASE AID THROUGH AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK. AIDE MEMOIRE STATES THAT IN MAY JAPAN HAD PLEDGED 95 MILLION UNITS OF ACCOUNT (1 UNIT OF ACCOUNT EQUALS ABOUT \$1.10) TO SECOND REPLENISHMENT OF THE BANK'S AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT FUND, MORE THAN THREE TIMES AS MUCH (IN U.A., I.E. IN DOLLAR-BASED TERMS) AS JAPAN'S CONTRIBUTION TO FIRST REPLENISHMENT OF THE FUND. OTHERWISE JAPANESE EXPRESSED INTENTION TO INCREASE BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL

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AID TO AFRICA (BUT NOT PROPORTION OF OVERALL BILATERAL AID TO BE DEVOTED TO AFRICA) IN CONTEXT EXISTING THREE-YEAR AID DOUBLING PROMISE; TO IMPROVE AID TERMS AND CONDITIONS; AND TO EXPAND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE. THEY TURNED ASIDE IDEA OF SPECIAL JAPANESE FUND FOR AFRICA BY ASSERTING THAT AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT FUND IS MORE SUITABLE VEHICLE. RESPONSE ON INVESTMENT WAS MERELY TO CONTINUE PROVIDING INVESTMENT INFORMATION TO PRIVATE SECTOR; ON TERMS OF TRADE, TO "CONTINUE TO STUDY THE PROBLEM."

5. COMMENT: LIMITED JAPANESE RESPONSE IS PROBABLY INDICATIVE OF PRIORITY WHICH GOJ PLACES ON RELATIONS WITH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AFRICA. IT ALSO REFLECTS JAPANESE TENDENCY TO THINK IN TERMS OF PROJECTS RATHER THAN COUNTRY (OR REGIONAL) PROGRAMS. SIGNIFICANCE EVEN OF NEW PLEDGE TO AFRICAN

DEVELOPMENT FUND IS LIMITED BY RECENT RAPID RISE OF YEN
RELATIVE TO DOLLAR (ALMOST 25 PERCENT DURING YEAR ENDED
JUNE 30, 1978). END COMMENT.

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